

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 11 - Health and Safety of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to housing inspections, as follows:

- Section 11.20.410 is repealed in its entirety thereby removing the current restriction which limits the director of health services' authority to inspect housing courts only during daytime hours; and
- Section 11.20.420 is added to establish the requirement that the owner of a housing court post a placard, in an area accessible by all tenants and the general public, legibly displaying the name, address and telephone number of the local health office, as well as the web site address for the Department of Health Services, Environmental Health Division, Housing Inspections program.

This ordinance also contains certain technical, non-substantive corrections.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 11 - Health and Safety of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to housing inspections.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 11.20.410 is hereby repealed in its entirety:

~~11.20.410 Enforcement -- Right of entry authorized when.~~

~~The director of health services may enter and inspect any building or premises whenever necessary to insure compliance with or prevent a violation of any provision of this Division 1, excepting Chapter 11.04 and Part 1 of Chapter 11.02; provided, however, that no person authorized by this Division 1, except Chapter 11.04 and Part 1 of Chapter 11.02, to enter and inspect dwellings shall do so between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. of the succeeding day, without the consent of the owner or occupants of such building, or in the absence of such owners or occupants, without proper written order executed and issued by a court having jurisdiction to issue such order.~~

SECTION 2. Section 11.20.420 is hereby added to read as follows:

11.20.420 Posting requirements – Penalty for noncompliance.

A. The owner of a house court, as defined in section 11.20.110 of this Chapter, shall be responsible for posting in a common area, accessible by all tenants and the general public, a placard, as provided by the Health Officer. “Common area, accessible by all tenants and the general public” means:

1. Posted in a conspicuous location within five feet of the main entrance of the housing court; or

2. Posted in or near the outside of the door of the housing court manager, if one exists; or

3. Posted in a location as directed and determined in the discretion of the county health officer to ensure proper notice to all tenants and the general public.

B. The placard shall not be defaced, marred, camouflaged, hidden or removed. Removal of the placard is a violation of this Chapter and shall be punishable as specified in section 11.02.080.

C. The placard shall legibly display the following information so as to be clearly visible to all tenants and the general public entering the housing court:

This building is inspected by the
Department of Health Services, Environmental Health. All public
health questions/concerns regarding this property
should be directed to:

(local office address and telephone number
to be provided by the county health officer)

Please contact the office listed above to report health code
violation or concerns. Copies of inspection reports may be
requested from this office.

D. The placard must also list the web site address and toll free telephone number for the Department of Health Services, Environmental Health, Housing Inspection program, which shall be provided by the county health officer.

SECTION 3. Section 11.24.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11.24.010 Applicable provisions designated -- Interpretation of language.

A. Institutions shall comply with the provisions of this chapter, and Chapters 11.14, 11.16, 11.30, 11.32, and Sections 11.02.150, 11.02.180 through 11.02.200, 11.02.280, 11.02.300, 11.12.030, 11.20.020, and 11.20.170 ~~and 11.20.410~~ and other sections of this Division 1, except Chapter 11.04 and Part 1 of Chapter 11.02, as specifically mentioned herein.

B. For the purpose of this chapter, certain words and phrases are defined and certain provisions shall be construed as herein set forth, unless it is apparent from the context that a different meaning is intended.

SECTION 4. Section 11.24.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11.24.120 Employees' quarters -- Applicable regulations designated.

Employees' quarters shall be maintained in a clean sanitary condition, and shall comply with the provisions of Sections 11.20.050, 11.20.090, 11.20.140, 11.20.160, 11.20.170, 11.20.190, 11.20.210 through 11.20.240, 11.20.280 through 11.20.310, 11.20.330, 11.20.340, ~~11.20.410~~ and 11.24.010. One toilet, one lavatory, and one bath or shower for each 10 employees or fraction thereof, of each sex shall be maintained in such employees' quarters.